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Applicants: Edward A. Flynn, *et al.*

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Examiner: Fox, John

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For: Electrohydraulic Valve Assembly For
Controlling Operation Of Engine Cylinders

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the above-identified patent application that was contained in the final Office Action mailed on December 6, 2005.

Claims 1-23 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 based on the contention that the original specification fails to describe the valves abutting a major surface of the base plate.

The original specification fully describes that relationship between those elements of the claims. Each valve 21-23 has a pair of tabs 28 that abut a major surface 18 on the underside of the base plate 12. The second to last sentence in paragraph 0018 of the Detailed Description of the Invention states: